



POLICY ALERT

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Act Now: The Farm Bill is on the Table

This week the U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee is expected to mark up the nutrition title of the Farm Bill. One of the most important issues Congress will address in this year's Farm Bill is the future of the Food Stamp Program, which 2.3 Texans rely on every day.

Please call your Congressperson TODAY and ask him to co-sponsor the "Feeding America's Families Act" (H.R. 2129).

H.R. 2129 would fight hunger by improving access to the Food Stamp Program (which currently reaches less than half of eligible people), increasing the value of food stamp benefits, and bolstering the emergency food assistance system. It would also invest \$20 billion in new five-year spending for anti-hunger priorities. According to a new report by Brandeis University, hunger costs the state of Texas \$9 billion a year (<http://www.cphp.org/research.php?aid=685>).

You can reach your Congressperson by calling 1-800-965-4298. Find your legislator at <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/>.

If you are a constituent of the following members, it is particularly important to call them, because they serve on the House Agriculture Committee: Rep. Lampson (Houston area), Rep. Cuellar (Laredo area), Rep. Conaway (San Angelo/Odessa/Midland area), and Rep. Neugebauer (Lubbock area).

For more information about why the Farm Bill matters for Texas, and breakdowns of Food Stamp use by county, visit <http://www.cphp.org/research.php?aid=671>.

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